Policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism

1456. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy of zero tolerance toward terrorism;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are some insurgency groups which are in cease-fire in Assam and North Eastern Region;

(c) the details of Government policy in this regard;

(d) whether Government proposes to take initiative to start the peace process with ULFA, NDFD etc.; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Government is strongly against all use of any means of violence by any organization/outfit in the country. The Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Government in undertaking sustained counter insurgency operations against elements who indulge in violence and anti-national activities. At the same time, Government has always been willing to talk to any outfit provided it is willing to abjure violence, willing to lay down arms and comes forward for talks within the framework of the Indian Constitution.

(b) and (c) The Government has entered into Ceasefire arrangements in Nagaland with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isac/Muivah) [NSCN/IM] and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) [NSCN/K]. Dialogue with NSCN(IM) on their charter of demands is continuing at the level of Group of Ministers (GoM). NSCN(K) has not submitted their charter of demands. Among other North Eastern States, the Government has entered into Suspension of operations (SoO) arrangement with United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS), Dima Halam Daogah (DHD) and pro-talk faction of National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) in Assam; Kuki National Organization and United People's Front and its constituents in Manipur; and Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) in Meghalaya. DHD (J), a banned outfit, has recently laid down its arms prior to talks with that group. The Government has appointed a Representative to negotiate with UPDS, DHD, & DHD(J), NDFB (pro-talk faction) and ANVC.

(d) and (e) ULFA and NDFB (anti-talk faction) have not yet come forward for talks. However, two Coys of 28 Battalion of ULFA have declared unilateral ceasefire and have given their charter of demands to the State Government.

Rehabilitation of flood affected people in Assam

1457. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan for the rehabilitation of the flood affected people, those who are living on the road side, or on the embankment since a long period in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;